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INL receives GreenGov Presidential Award for fleet fuel efficiency improvements

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho National Laboratory has received a 2010 GreenGov Presidential Award for outstanding achievement in fuel efficiency in its bus and automotive fleets. The award was presented today in Washington, D.C., as part of a three-day symposium on improving sustainability and energy efficiency across the federal government.

INL won the Lean, Clean and Green Award, for its work over the past few years in modernizing its fleet, improving fuel efficiency, increasing the use of bio-based alternative fuels and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The GreenGov Presidential Awards recognize six categories of extraordinary achievement in pursuit of an executive order for federal leadership in environmental, energy and economic performance.

"We take sustainability very seriously," said INL Director John Grossenbacher. "This award is an honor both for INL and for the U.S. Department of Energy. We are committed to greening the laboratory today while preserving energy resources for future generations to use."



INL bus fueling with B20 (20 percent biodiesel) fuel. Download the [high-resolution image](#).



INL fleet vehicle fueling with E85 (85 percent ethanol). Download the [high-resolution image](#).

Award winners were announced at the 2010 GreenGov Symposium, where U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu gave a keynote address. Earlier this year, he also recognized INL for extraordinary improvements in fuel efficiency and reduced fossil fuel use.

The Lean, Clean and Green Award recognizes INL for demonstrating measurable results in energy efficiency (reduced energy consumption), increased use of renewable energy or decreased petroleum fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas pollution reduction. INL improvements include:

- Increasing 2010 alternative fuel use 56 percent compared to June 2005, with a 14 percent increase in Fiscal Year 2009 alone.
- Switching its entire bus fleet to biodiesel fuel, thereby reducing standard diesel fuel usage by 140,000 gallons.
- Replacing nearly 75 percent of its light duty fleet with flex-fuel vehicles between 2005 and 2010. Twenty new hybrid electric sedans/SUVs are now in service.
- Modernizing its aging bus fleet with some 40 more fuel efficient buses, including several hybrids.
- Installing multiple green fueling stations across its 890-square-mile energy reservation.

"Cooperation and engagement by the INL work force, and modernization of INL's fleet has been a key factor in our success," said Debby Tate, director of R&D Support Services, which manages INL's vehicle fleets. "INL workers are very sensitive to the energy needs of the nation and have a strong desire to do their part in saving fuel."

INL also partnered with a local fuel distributor, Conrad & Bischoff, to bring both biodiesel and E85 fuels to the public market in eastern Idaho for the first time.

Learn more about the [GreenGov awards here](#) and see the complete [list of winners](#) here.

INL is one of the DOE's 10 multiprogram national laboratories. The laboratory performs work in each of DOE's strategic goal areas: energy, national security, science and environment. INL is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development. Day-to-day management and operation of the laboratory is the responsibility of Battelle Energy Alliance.

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Part of the INL team that won a GreenGov Presidential Award poses in front of one of INL's new hybrid buses. Download the [high-resolution image](#).

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